THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) The total number of tobacco farmers currently registered with the Tabacco Board in the country is 63051.

(b) The State-wise break-up for such registration is as follows :—

States	Andhra Pradesh	Maharashtra	Orissa	Karnataka	Total
No. of Farmers	44436	60	128	18427	63051

(c) State-wise corresponding production of tobacco in 1998-99 and 1999-2000 are as follows :—

Name of the State	Estimated production (M.Kgs.)	
	1998-99	1999-2000
Andhra Pradesh	148.81	137.98
Maharashtra	0.24	0.20
Orissa	0.55	0.50
Karnataka	54.89	48.00
Total	204.49	186.68

Source : Tobacco Board.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Industries proposed to be Set up in M.P.

† 4434. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up industries, based upon agriculture, forest and minerals, in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government has sent any detailed proposed to the Central Government for their approval in this regard ; and

† Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(d) the final decision taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b) Under the liberalised industrial policy regime, setting up of industries including agro based, forest based and mineral based industries depends upon the commercial perception of the entrepreneurs which in turn, depends on the initiatives taken by the State Government/Union Territories in terms of availability of conducive economic infrastructure, Central Government supplements their efforts through Central Schemes and incentives.

(c) and (d) No such proposal from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh has been received.

India's share in World Trade

4435. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India's share in World Trade is around 0.6 per cent;

(b) whether it is much below the desired level; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to take our share in World Trade to the required level ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Continuous efforts are being made by the Government of india to increase our share in the world trade. Measures to increase our share in the world trade include multilateral and bilateral initiatives and identification of thrust sectors and focus regions as well as simplification of procedures. India's external trade sector has been further liberalised with the changes introduced in the Exim Policy for 1997-2002 The amendments to the Exim Policy for the current year focus on improvement of export competitiveness and minimising the transaction costs and delays, which would further enhance India's exports.

Abolition of Department of Supply

4436. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to abolish the Department of Supply and place the DGS & D under some other existing Department;

(b) whether Government have proposed to place the employees of DGS & D at the disposal of different Departments and Ministries ;